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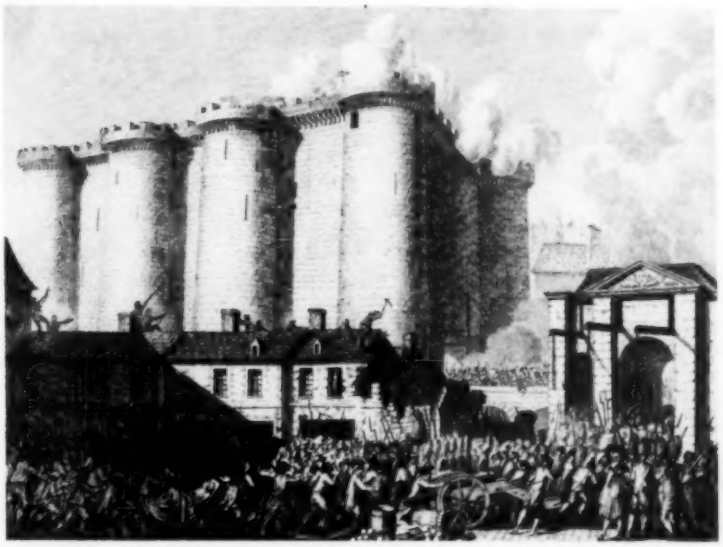
Library Marks Bicentennial Of the French Revolution



Storming the Bastille on July 14, 1789, (French 18th-century engraving).

The Library of Congress is marking the bicentennial of the French Revolution with a discussion on the study of the book in France, an exhibit on Alexis de Tocqueville, and a film series.

Historian Roger Chartier of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris will present a paper and moderate a discussion on the topic, "The Study of the Book in France" at the Library at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2. Sponsored by the Library's Center for the Book and the European Division, the program will be held in the Mumford Room. The event is free and open to the public. Other participants will include French historians Henri-Jean Martin, Ecole Nationale des Chartes; Daniel Roche, Université de Paris I; Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, administrateur général,

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Bibliothèque Nationale; and Jean Gattegno, directeur, Direction du Livre et de la Lecture. A number of distinguished American historians also will take part.

The Library will also sponsor an exhibit, "A Passion for Liberty: Alexis de Tocqueville on Democracy and Revolution." Most of the approximately 260 items in the exhibit come to the Library through the courtesy of the descendants of Tocqueville. One of the sections of the exhibit will consist entirely of material from the French Revolution, including cartoons, pamphlets, and autograph manuscripts. These items will illuminate Tocqueville's interpretation of the Revolution, offered in his book, *L'Ancien Regime*. The exhibit will open to the public on September 8.

The Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division will also present a film series for the public in the late summer. The films are those that have considered the French Revolution in its many aspects, and will be shown in the Mary Pickford Theater.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Library Implements 20th Edition of *Dewey Decimal Classification*

Assistant editors of DDC 20 were Library of Congress staffers Winton E. Matthews, Jr. (left), Julianne Beall, and Gregory New.

The 20th edition of the *Dewey Decimal Classification* (DDC 20) was published in January and by March 6 the Library's Decimal Classification Division began assigning numbers from it.

Libraries will be able to identify numbers assigned from DDC 20 because "dc20" will appear on Library of Congress printed cards and "20" will appear in subfield 2 of the 082 (DDC) field in MARC bibliographic records.

DDC 20 was developed by staff members of the Decimal Classification Division working under the Library of Congress contract with the publisher, Forest Press, which is now a division of OCLC, the Online Computer Library Center. In revising, updating, and expanding the classification, the staff drew on the division's experience in assigning Dewey numbers to more than 100,000 works a year. The editor, John P. Comaromi; the assistant editors, Julianne Beall, Winton E. Matthews, Jr., and Gregory R. New; and the decimal classification specialists all contributed.

In addition, much valuable help and advice came from the Library's African and Middle Eastern and Hispanic divisions and from outside the Library, especially from the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee, the American Library Association, the Library Association, and a Canadian team led by the National Library of Canada.

Among the hundreds of topics revised or expanded in the DDC since publication of the 19th edition in 1979 are music (completely revised), systems analysis, computer science, sociology, political parties, energy, substance abuse, waste disposal, television, solid-state physics, electronics, and the history of Central America. The area tables have been revised or expanded for British Columbia (completely revised), the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan, Nigeria, South Africa, Chile, and Melanesia. Features added for ease of use include a manual to guide the classifier, more instruction notes and examples, and more summaries for quick subject overview. The index has been substantially revised.

Although more than 100 years old, the *Dewey Decimal Classification* is adapting readily to the automated

environment of today's libraries. The 20th edition was the first to be edited using the Editorial Support System developed for Forest Press by Inforonics, Inc. In this system all the schedule and table information is contained in records with full content designation in a searchable database. Tapes from this database were used to print the 4-volume, 3,388-page edition. Forest Press expects to be able to convert records from this database into a MARC format when one is available. The Decimal Classification Division is working closely with the Library's Network Development and MARC Standards Office on development of a general MARC authority format for classification that will fully accommodate the Dewey scheme. Among the likely uses for Dewey MARC authority records are enhancing subject access in online catalogs, particularly by showing hierarchical and disciplinary relationships, and validating DDC numbers assigned to bibliographic records.

In the United States and Canada, the printed DDC 20 is available for $200 (U.S.), plus shipping and handling, from Forest Press OCLC, 6565 Frantz Rd., Dublin, OH 43017. Information on price and availability in other areas of the world may also be obtained from that address.

The Decimal Classification Division is now working on the 12th abridged edition of the DDC, which will be published in 1990. The segmentation marks in numbers from DDC 20 that appear on Library of Congress cards and in MARC bibliographic records reflect current plans for the 12th abridged edition. The marks for a few numbers may need to be changed after work on the abridgment has been completed.

Congressman Owens Receives Award for Service to Libraries

Representative Major R. Owens (D–NY) was presented with a Public Service Award for his efforts on behalf of libraries by Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA).

The awards ceremony took place during a briefing session in the Rayburn House Office Building on "Legislative Day" of National Library Week (April 9–15). The event drew about 400 library supporters from across the country (FOLUSA represents more than 1,700 Friends of Libraries groups nationwide).

FOLUSA selected Congressman Owens as the recipient of their first Public Service Award in recognition of his support of library legislation and the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Science, in addition to his interest in other education issues.

A fourth-term representative of his Brooklyn district, Congressman Owens has a master's degree in library science. He is a senior member of the House Education and Labor Committee, and in 1987 was appointed to chair the House Subcommittee on Select Education.

Library Publishes Bibliography of U.S. Documents on Turkey

Relations between the United States and Turkey as reflected in U.S. Government documents are the subject of a new bibliographic study published by the Library of Congress.

Compiled by Julian W. Witherell, chief of the Library's African and Middle Eastern Division, the 211-page work, *The Republic of Turkey: An American Perspective; A Guide to U.S. Official Documents and Government-Sponsored Publications*, lists 1,702 documents covering the period from 1919—a time of U.S. involvement in the transitional phase of Turkish political evolution following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire—to 1986.

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New Visitors Service Coordinator Named

Lee Eleanor Probasco was appointed as the new Visitor Services Coordinator, effective February 21. Ms. Probasco is responsible for managing the orientation programs for thousands of special, professional, and public visitors who come to the Library annually. She comes to this newly created position with many years of experience working with visitors in various educational and cultural settings.

Ms. Probasco has a B.S. in communications and English from California University of Pennsylvania (1969) and an M.A. in communication from the University of Illinois (1971). Following her doctoral studies at the University of Illinois and Northwestern University, she taught communication at the University of Illinois, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Kennedy King Community College. In 1976, her position as director of the Sullivan Language School in Chicago stimulated her interest in cross-cultural communication and tourism.

Ms. Probasco's first position upon arriving in Washington, D.C., in 1977 was for tour development and

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crowd management at the White House. She coordinated Smithsonian Institution exhibition openings, conferences, and special events from 1978–80, and then joined the Smithsonian National Associates Travel Program staff in the Office of Membership and Development. As education travel coordinator, she planned, executed, and escorted cultural, historic, and nature study tours in the U.S. and abroad until 1985.

Before her appointment to the Library of Congress, Ms. Probasco served as program officer for the Visitor Program Service of Meridian House International in Washington, D.C. She arranged professional programs for international visitors sponsored by the United States to travel throughout the country to meet with their counterparts.

Visitor services is a part of the Library's Educational Liaison Office, National Programs Department.

Library Publishes Statements by Daniel J. Boorstin

The Library of Congress has just published *The Republic of Letters: Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin on Books, Reading, and Libraries, 1975–1987.* The volume presents 17 speeches and public statements by the Librarian of Congress Emeritus and noted historian.

The book begins with Dr. Boorstin's remarks at his 1975 swearing-in as Librarian of Congress, and concludes with his statement in 1987 on behalf of a second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

The 115-page book, edited by John Y. Cole, director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, also includes Dr. Boorstin's congressional testimony about the severe effects that budget cuts were having on the Library. The latter concludes: "We will fail in our duty to our posterity if we do not hand on to them the fully stocked, properly organized treasure of wisdom of the past which it has taken us two centuries to accumulate."

The Republic of Letters: Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin on Books, Reading, and Libraries, 1975–1987, was designed by James E. Conner. Copies are available by mail (prepaid), for $17.50 plus $3.50 per order for shipping and handling, from the Publishing Office, Box J, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

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These materials indicate the development of diplomatic and commercial ties between the United States and Turkey after World War I, the emergence of strong American interests there during World War II and the postwar years of the Truman Doctrine, and the continued impact on Turkey of American military and other assistance programs over the past four decades.

The guide also illustrates some of the issues that have clouded American-Turkish relations, notably the question of Turkey's use of American military equipment during its intervention in Cyprus in 1974 and the subsequent suspension of U.S. military aid to the Turkish Government. In addition, it cites titles prepared by government agencies or issued under their auspices which focus on conditions in Turkey, including reports on its agriculture, commerce, economic situation, education, ethnic minorities questions, and political and social issues.

The bibliography is based on holdings of the Library of Congress, including material held only in microform, plus selected titles in other American libraries. Entries are grouped by general subject, with further division in some cases to facilitate access to material on a specific topic. The section on agriculture, for example, includes a subdivision both on the growing of opium poppies in Turkey and on efforts to control their cultivation. Under history, the subdivision "Armenian-Turkish Relations, Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" includes documentation on the brief American involvement in the question of Armenia's independence following World War I and material issued during the past four decades illustrating a continued interest, especially in the U.S. Congress, in the historical plight of the Armenian people. Throughout the guide, the term "government-sponsored publications" has been interpreted broadly to cover a wide range of studies issued under official contract by universities and other research centers, prepared with financial support from one or more government agencies, or reproduced or translated by the government.

The Republic of Turkey: An American Perspective is available by mail from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20540 for $19 (cite stock number 030-000-00208-3 when ordering).

The Library of Congress observes
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Congress Bicentennial Program

Exhibition

The Tides of Party Politics: Two Centuries of Congressional Elections, 1789–1989.

A display of one hundred maps of congressional elections.

Madison Foyer, to July 30.

STAFF NEWS

Clara Egli LeGear Is Honored for 74 Years of Service to the Library

Mrs. LeGear (right) is joined by her husband and Minnie Modelski, map cataloger, in celebrating her long career at the Library.

"Take a map and travel with it"—that was Clara Egli LeGear's response to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington when he asked her what advice she would give to young people interested in maps and geography.

Dr. Billington; John Wolter, chief, Geography and Map Division; and other staff members paid tribute to Mrs. LeGear for her 74 years of service to the Library at the division's Christmas party in December.

Mrs. LeGear, now 92, has spent a lifetime involved in almost all aspects of map librarianship—cataloging, reference, acquisitions, bibliography, and administration—in the Library's Geography and Map Division. Soon to be published by the Library of Congress is Mrs. LeGear's "Comprehensive Author List," Volume 9 in the *List of Geographical Atlases in the Library of Congress*, her eighth major publication. The author list includes full name and birth and death dates of the authors or compilers of the 18,435 geographical atlases described in the first eight volumes (1909–1974) of the *List of Geographical Atlases*.

Clara LeGear joined the Library of Congress as a typist and clerical assistant in December 1914. Eleven months later she transferred to the Division of Maps, then under the direction of Philip Lee Phillips, chief of the division since its creation in 1897, when the Library of Congress moved from the Capitol into its new building across the street.

During her first 35 years, Mrs. LeGear served in a variety of positions, including cataloger, reference librarian, assistant chief (1931–1945), and librarian in charge of cartographic acquisitions. During that time she also continued her education, obtaining an A.B. degree in library science from George Washington University and a master's degree in 1936.

After the Second World War Mrs. LeGear relinquished her administrative duties in order to devote full time to writing and bibliographic activities. Her first major publication was a manual on the care and preservation of cartographic materials, *Maps: Their Care, Repair and Preservation in Libraries* (1949), which quickly became a standard reference work in the field of map librarianship.

With the official designation of bibliographer, she resumed work on a bibliography of atlases in the Library of Congress that had been started by her former chief, Philip Lee Phillips, completing volume 5 of *A List of Geographical Atlases in the Library of Congress* in 1958. Earlier she produced a two-volume work, *United States Atlases*, 1950–1953. She also continued work on the division's card file of bibliographic citations to cartographic literature, which was eventually published by G. K. Hall as *The Bibliography of Cartography* (5 volumes, 1973).

Retirement from the Library after 47 years of service in 1961 did not put an end to her productivity. Appointed Library of Congress honorary consultant in historical cartography, she went on to complete volumes 6, 7, and 8 of *A List of Geographical Atlases* and continued compiling the *Bibliography of Cartography* until a full-time bibliographer was appointed in 1969.

Although she concluded her official association with the division in 1972 after 58 years with the Library, she returned to the division on a periodic basis, completing the comprehensive author list, an index for

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the complete *A List of Geographical Atlases.* As a result of her extremely long and productive career, Mrs. LeGear has received extensive national and international recognition and numerous awards from professional and cartographic organizations. When she received the Honors Award of the Special Libraries Association's Geography and Map Division in 1957, the citation recognized her "as patron saint to anyone interested in historical cartography; as a source of advice and counsel to all; as author of many of the bibles of the profession . . .; and especially . . . for the very gracious modesty with which all of these things have [been] accomplished."

Two years after her retirement from the Library of Congress, in 1963, Mrs. LeGear received the Library's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

Mrs. LeGear was accompanied at the Geography and Map Division Christmas party by her husband of 50 years, Russell LeGear, who retired from the Library himself after 34 years as a descriptive cataloger.

—Helen Dalrymple
and Ronald Grim

CDS Automation Is Subject of Online Users Meeting

Staff members from the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) presented an overview of their division's automation activities to the Online Users Group on February 22.

Susan Tarr, chief of CDS, introduced the program with a description and history of CDS. The primary activities of CDS are to develop, produce, market, and distribute products created from cataloging data. CDS began as a card distribution service in 1901 and has evolved into a publisher and distributor of numerous products in formats including paper, microfiche, magnetic tape, and CD-ROM.

Clark Rabel, head of the Computer Applications Section (CAS) of CDS, described the organizational layout of his section and the uses of the section's mainframe. CDS's first mainframe, an RCA Spectra 70 with only 65K of memory, was acquired in 1970 to format MARC cards and provide financial and billing support for the division. Today, CDS has an IBM 3033 mainframe which is used for tape distribution, customer information management, and production of all bibliographic products—including cards, book catalogs, and COM catalogs. The Computer Unit within CAS is responsible for the operation of the mainframe and the two Xerox 9700 laser printers within CDS. The Systems Programming Unit is responsible for the operating system and develops software for the section. The Maintenance Support Unit provides user support and development assistance, administers the database system, and coordinates production, installation, and quality insurance for software releases.

Kathryn Mendenhall, supervisor of the Library Specialist Unit of CAS, described the functions of her unit and the Bibliographic Systems Unit. These two groups work together to develop the automation products that CDS produces for its customers.

For the MARC record distribution services, data comes from a variety of sources: MUMS (Multiple-Use MARC System) and NCCP (National Coordinated Cataloging Program) data from the Automated Systems Office mainframe; CJK (Chinese, Japanese, Korean), Hebrew, and NUC (National Union Catalog) Manuscript Collections data from RLIN (Research Libraries Information Network); cataloging data from other national libraries; *Monthly Catalog* records from the Government Printing Office (GPO); and cataloging of art exhibit materials from the Boston Public Library. In all cases, CDS receives and validates the records, updates the CDS database with the new records, identifies records for subscription products, and distributes records according to the product's frequency of publication. Tape distribution encompasses several related services, including conversion of some tapes (GPO, British, and Canadian) to the USMARC format, straight copying and distribution of other files (the unauthenticated CONSER serials file), and a Select MARC retrospective conversion service through which libraries submit control numbers (LCCN, ISBN, or ISSN) and receive tapes of records from the MARC database.

In addition to the tape distribution services, Ms. Mendenhall described various other CDS bibliographic products generated from MARC records: cards (including cards on request, Alert Service cards, standing order cards, and Library of Congress shelflist cards); microfiche catalogs (such as the *National Union Catalog* and the Name and Subject Authority catalogs); and bookform paper catalogs (such as the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* and *New Serial Titles).*

In the past couple of years, CDS has begun to develop products on CD-ROM. Contractor support was obtained for development and premastering of prototype CD-ROM products for subject and name authority records and for MARC bibliographic records. CDS is currently working toward assuming responsibility for support and pre-mastering

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Robert Felder and James Nelson Awarded 25-Year Federal Service Pins

Catherine Ann Jones (left), James Nelson, Robert Felder, and Joseph E. Ross.

Robert Felder, supervisor of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) Mailroom, and James Nelson, team leader for Congressional Reader Services of the CRS, were presented with their 25-year Federal Service Award pins by Catherine Ann Jones, chief of the Congressional Reference Division. Also present to recognize their long and valued service was Joseph E. Ross, director of the Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Felder began his Federal service in 1955 at the Army Map Service, where he was an offset photographer. He began work at the Library in 1971 in the Office of the Director of CRS. He received a Meritorious Service Award in 1972 and was promoted to his present position in 1975.

Mr. Nelson joined the Library in 1972 as a technical information specialist in the Congressional Reference Division. He received an Outstanding Performance Rating in 1974 and was promoted to various positions within the division before taking on his current assignment in 1979. Prior to his service with the Library, Mr. Nelson worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency. He also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Helen Gold Dies

Helen I. Gold, a staff member of the Shelflisting Section, Subject Cataloging Division, died December 21, 1988.

Mrs. Gold, who lived in Alexandria, Va., was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1928. She graduated from the Jane Adams Vocational High School, Bronx, N.Y., and attended the Cambridge School of Business, New York, N.Y.

She worked in the Copyright Office, advancing to the position of senior filer and reviser until she transferred to the Shelflisting Section in 1972.

Throughout her service with the Library of Congress, she was known for her willingness to cooperate and to put forward her best effort in whatever task assigned.

Mrs. Gold loved books and needlecrafts. Members of the shelflisting staff enjoyed her many needlepoint gifts, gifts that serve to remind the staff of her kindly nature. She is also remembered for her keen sense of humor.

Mrs. Gold is survived by two sons, Michael K. Gold and Samuel H. Gold, a brother, and two grandchildren.

Staff Activities

Mary Jack Wintle, assistant director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH), Library of Congress, has been selected Outstanding Alumna for 1989 from the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University. The annual award, recognizing outstanding achievement in library and information science, was presented during the Louisiana Library Association Conference in Baton Rouge on March 15.

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of the production versions of these products and for the development of new CD-ROM bibliographic products.

Jake Appetta, assistant head of the Computer Applications Section, closed the program by describing the functions of the Customer Information Management System (CIMS) maintained by the CAS Administrative Systems Unit. CIMS is used to enter orders from customers online and to perform a variety of financial functions such as billing, inventory, checking, and claims tracking. The system also produces statistics on customers, management reports, and mailing lists, and helps with sales promotions and market analysis.

For information about any of the Cataloging Distribution Service's products or libraries, call (202) 707-6100.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Thursday, April 27
☐ "Performance Evaluation at the Library of Congress," Ralph Adams, personnel operations officer. LC Professional Association (LCPA). West Dining Room, 12:10 p.m.

Friday, April 28
☐ Concert in memory of Hans Kindler, Verdehr Trio. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2
☐ "The Music in the Word: Bach-Style," Geoffrey Simon, senior performing arts examiner, Copyright Office. LCPA. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 4
☐ "Publishing in Foreign Languages," a panel discussion. LCPA. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m.

☐ "The Bibliothèque Nationale: A Conversation with Its Director, Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie," Center for the Book and LCPA. Introduced by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Mumford Room, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5
☐ Emerson String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9
☐"Radishes and Flowers: A Wallace Stevens Feast," Mary-Averett Seelye, performance artist. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 11
☐ Tenth Anniversary Membership Coffee Reception, Daniel A.P. Murray Afro-American Culture Association. Dining Room A, 9–10 a.m. **Members only.**

Friday, May 12
☐ Orlando String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 13
☐ Samuel Rhodes, viola, and Cynthia Raim, piano. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

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